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Admiral Stansfield Turner  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner,

I am one of two CIA staff employees presently on a one-year assignment with industry under the President's Executive Interchange Program. Because you nominated me for the program, and because you will soon be invited to submit nominees for next year's Interchange Program, I would like to report to you my assessment of the program.

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My assignment has been with [ ] where I am responsible for planning [ ] international telecommunications system. This project involves negotiations with European governmental officials and officers of multinational corporations, here and in Europe. It also involves both technical issues and international trade regulation issues. In addition to my primary assignment, [ ] has provided me with thorough exposure to the oil and gas, construction machinery, and chemical industries, and an introductory background in subjects as diverse as corporate planning, industrial automation, econometric models, and corporate security.

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The President's Commission sponsors excellent educational programs which complement our on-the-job experience. We have just completed a one-week intensive course on "Constraints to Corporate Freedom" at the [ ] [ ] In February, we will be meeting, in Europe, with officials who formulate and execute NATO, European Community, and trade policies, and with executives of European multinationals. Based on the similar seminars which we held earlier this year with members of Congress and the Executive Branch, I expect the European seminars to be unique opportunities to probe the governmental policy making process.

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From my own experience, the interchange program is the best available external education for senior level assignments in the intelligence analysis field, and I encourage you to continue our Agency's participation next year. I admit that my experience in the program is better than most, because [ ] has provided me more than average support and exposure; also, the professional ability and breadth of knowledge of the people I work with here appears to be above average for industry generally. However, my associate in the program, [ ] of OER, reports similar results in his assignment at [ ] so CIA apparently has done quite well in assignments for its first year of participation.

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Again, thank you for what has been a professionally rewarding year so far.  
I look forward to giving you a more complete report when I return in August.

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cc: Dr. Karl Weber, D/SI/CIA  
Ms. Barbara Otis, Presidents Commission on Personnel Interchange

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